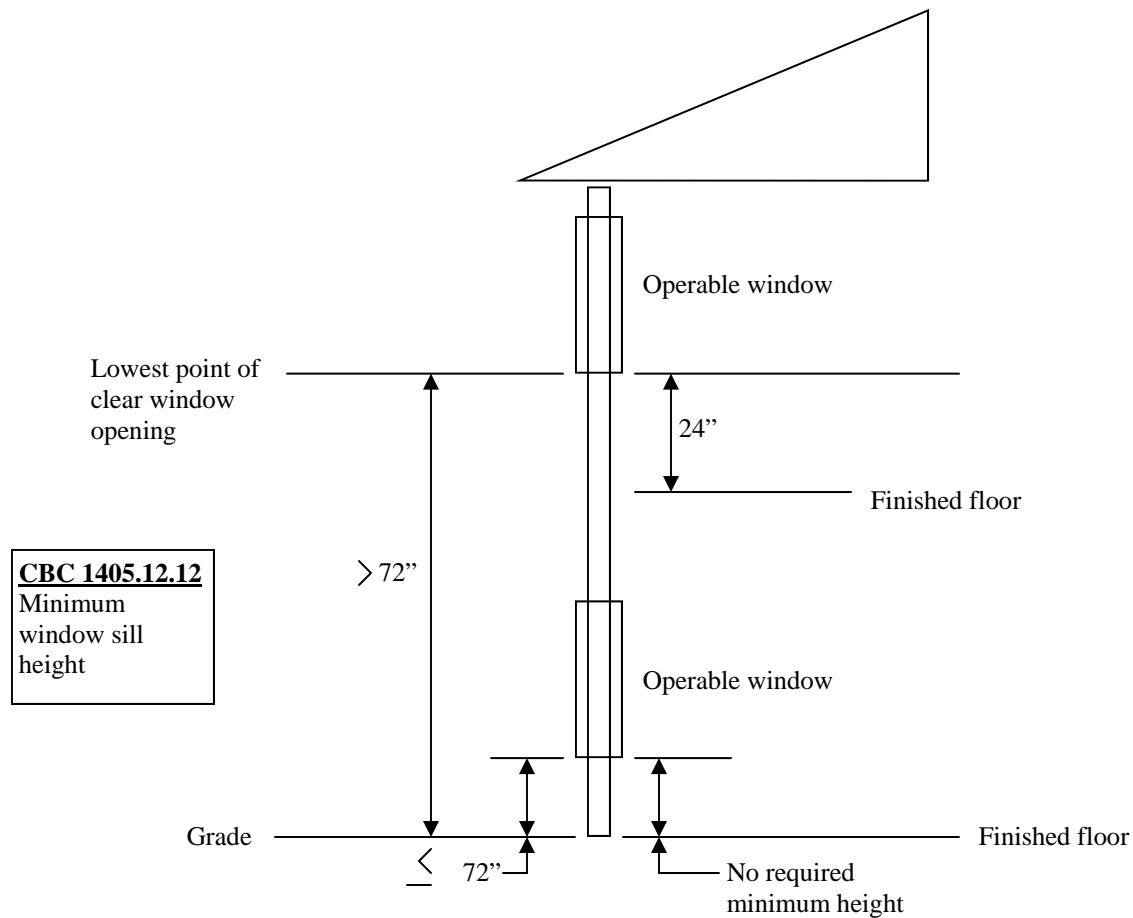


## Window sills



The measurements on both the interior and exterior sides of the building are to be taken from the lowest portion of the clear window opening, providing for consistent application of the provisions. See figure above. Where the lower window panel is inoperable, the measurements are to be taken to the lowest point of the lowest operable panel. Fixed glazing is permitted within 24 inches of the floor, as are openings that do not allow for the passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere. In addition, openings that are sufficiently protected by complying window guards are not regulated for the minimum sill height. Reference is made to ASTM F2006 for specifications regarding window fall prevention devices for non-emergency escape and rescue windows. Where the guard is to be used on a window required for emergency escape and rescue, it must comply with ASTM F2090, addressing windows fall devices with emergency egress release mechanisms.

The requirements for window sill height does not affect the application of the IBC provisions addressing emergency escape and rescue windows. Where a window regulated by this section occurs in a sleeping room and is designated as the required emergency escape and rescue opening, it will have both a minimum and maximum sill height.